

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 5, line 20, and replace with the following amended paragraph:

Figs. ~~2(a) and 2(b)~~ 2A and 2B respectively illustrate a top view and a side view of the fabric 200 thus produced; and

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 6, line 14, and replace with the following amended paragraph:

The fabric of the present invention is made of 100% non-allergenic natural fiber (e.g., fiber 210, as shown in ~~Fig. 2~~ Figs. 2A and 2B). For example, in a non-limiting embodiment, the fibers are pure cotton fibers (e.g., combed noils) having a length between 8 to 18 mm and not thicker than 4.5 micronaire, which are the by-product of a conventional spinning process of cotton fibers. Thus, the present invention uses the by-products of a conventional cotton manufacturing process as its raw material and recycles them into usable fabric. The natural fibers (e.g., fibers of pure cotton) used have a high absorption capacity. Absorption tests show that the fabric can absorb a quantity of water which is 15-16 times heavier than the fabric itself (e.g., 10 g. of dry fabric = 160g. of water absorption capacity). The fabric may also be initially

prepared and treated with a process including bleaching and/or exposing to high temperature for drying. Such an exposure to high temperature results in bacteria dying.

Please cancel the paragraph beginning on page 9, line 1, and replace with the following amended paragraph:

In the exemplary method of the present invention, such a pressure binds the fibers 210 in the web 200 together permanently in a horizontal direction (e.g., planar) and vertical direction (e.g., perpendicular to the web plane), as illustrated in Figs. ~~2(a) and 2(b)~~ 2A and 2B showing a top view and a side view of the web 200, respectively.